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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated March 17, 2008 in the aboveidentified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse. As the species, Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO:34. As the disease, Applicants hereby elect viral or acute liver disease, including alcoholic liver failure.

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: